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Dog's Evidence Is Ruled Out

Judge Rules Out Dog's Evidence in Angus Taylor Case—Accused Is Freed on Charge of Breaking in Roy Smith's Garage and Stealing Car and Tires

Dale is only a dog, and he couldn't talk, and because of that the judge ruled the dog's evidence, as submitted by his master, Sergt. J. N. Cawsey, was not admissible in the trial of Angus Taylor. Accused was charged with breaking in Roy Smith's garage, Bassano, on Nov. 13, 1933, and stealing a car and 14 new tires. Taylor was acquitted when the court ruled there was not sufficient evidence for conviction.

Judge W. A. Macdonald presided at the trial in supreme court, Calgary, last Friday, Feb. 16.

The part played by the dog was related by Sergt. Cawsey, who told how the dog had followed a man's trail from the stolen car, which had been abandoned on the main highway near Cluny, for five miles across the Blackfoot Indian Reserve. The last three miles the ground was bare of snow. The trail led to an unused Indian shack where the accused was found and arrested.

Town Constable T. Ingeberg discovered the garage break-in during the early morning hours of Nov. 13. He heard breaking glass and saw a car driving away from the garage. He notified Sergt. Cawsey and the garage owner, Roy Smith, and they set out in pursuit. Smith continued west along the main highway when the police turned north on the Hussar road. Smith found the stolen car abandoned on the highway. Fourteen new tires, which had been taken from the garage, were in the rear seat.

The police officers arrived later after turning back from Hussar. Two sets of footprints led away from the stolen car. The police followed them across a field to the C.P.R. railway, and here the sets of footprints parted. Led by the dog, the police followed one set of tracks south across the Indian reserve to the shack where Taylor was found. Sergt. Cawsey testified he made plaster casts of footprints found near the stolen car, and that they resembled the shoes worn by the accused.

A. L. Smith, K.C., said he felt bound to state that the only case in Canada which he had been able to find on the question of dogs being used in manhunts was in British Columbia. Majority of the Court of Appeal there, in a murder case, excluded the evidence, apparently on the ground that the dog could not be cross-examined.

In dismissing Taylor, Judge Macdonald said, "I feel compelled to acquit you, but I have a strong suspicion you were implicated in this case."

H. H. Beeber, C.P.R. station agent testified he had seen the accused around the station the night of the break-in, and L. E. Newby, assistant station agent, testified two men had left the station about 2:00 o'clock that morning. Roy Smith was also a witness.

The dog, a two-year-old Alsatian Shepherd, was purchased last fall by Sergt. Cawsey. The animal was trained by Capt. Harwich, and will follow and hold a man, his master claims.

CROWFOOT NEWS
CROWFOOT, Feb. 20 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rodbourne returned last Sunday after spending several weeks in Calgary visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Malin. Mr. and Mrs. Rodbourne also attended the old timers' reunion in Calgary.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Walters entertained a number of friends at bridge last Friday evening. Some of the guests did not depart till the sun began to peep over the eastern horizon, and everybody reported a very enjoyable time.

Miss Lois Conner spent the week-end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. McCurdy.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake Robertson, Arthur and dWilliam Rodbourne, spent Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Walker.

Bert Rose and Ole Boesen made a business trip to Calgary last Wednesday.

Miss Lois Conner, Howard Larson and O. McCurdy played for a dance in Gem last Friday evening.

The mild weather has brought the gophers out of their winter quarters. Somebody reported seeing a bird building a nest, so we are wondering if it is spring, and if it's not this mild weather is sure good for the small stacks of feed in this vicinity, anyway.

ART EXHIBIT COMING NEXT WEDNESDAY

Bassano people will be given an opportunity of viewing a valuable collection of paintings next Wednesday and Thursday when an exhibit of many fine works of art will be brought here by Mr. Garner, of the extension department, University of Alberta.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Carnegie Trust Fund, and is being displayed at many points in the province.

Hussar People Petition For Gravelled Highway

A large gathering of representatives from Hussar, Chancellor, Wayne, and Wintering Hills districts met in Hussar Friday afternoon to discuss roads.

J. M. Wheatley was elected chairman and F. E. Campbell secretary of the meeting. It was unanimously decided to circulate petitions to have the gravelled highway No. 2 extended east to Hussar, thence north to Wayne, as a secondary highway.

P. Rogers, A. H. Jorgensen, and E. J. Bell were appointed as a petition committee, and the following petition was drawn up:

"That we petition the minister of public works for a continuation of the highway known as Highway No. Two from the northwest corner of Sec. 12-24-33-W 4th, as a secondary highway, in an easterly direction to Hussar, thence north to connect with the Wayne-Drumheller highway, for the following reasons: This highway will accommodate one of the largest districts tributary to any highway, also the villages of Gem, Makepeace, Hussar, Chancellor and Standard; that this district is practically isolated during the greater part of the year on account of impassable roads over which there is heavy traffic both to and from Calgary and to and from Wayne from whence the whole district hauls its coal supply. The nature of the soil makes it impossible to maintain an all year dirt road and with the once a week train service, twice a week mail service, and distance from medical aid and hospitals, a gravelled highway is very much needed. The extension of this highway would be the logical way of connecting Highways Nos. 2 and 9."

The meeting elected the following road committee: J. M. Wheatley, chairman; E. J. Bell secretary; W. Walters, W. A. Treacy, and A. H. Jorgensen, with full power to act, backed by the boards of trade of the various towns in the district, and the various U.F.A. locals.

Several cars have had to be towed into Hussar lately with rear ends torn out or other costly repairs needed, and a car with Chris Boe, S. Nelsen, A. Axelsen and Chris, Petersen of Wayne district, on their way to this meeting tore the rear end out and had to be towed into Hussar.

BOWLING

Pat Ward, of Duchess bowled 77 to win the prize at Foster's bowling alley's last week. Miss Grace Scheer won lady's prize with a count of 48.

To date this week Albert Levesque of Countess is high in the man's division with 80, and Miss Scheer in the ladies with 41.

WILL GIVE AWAY CUSHION

The Bassano Juvenile Hockey Club has a pretty cushion to give away to some lucky person. The winner will be determined at the W. I. house dress dance Friday night next week in the Masonic Hall, when the lucky number will be drawn.

This cushion was to have been given away on the night of the night of the Medicine Hat vs. Bassano Juvenile hockey game. The long spell of mild weather has prevented that game from being played, and the cushion is still without an owner.

Play Two Extra Ends In Curling Match

It took Dr. A. G. Scott two extra ends to beat W. L. Flanagan 10-9 last night in the first curling game at the local rink in many weeks. The game turned into an extra-ender when tied 9-9 after 12 ends. The 13th end was a blank, and Dr. Scott courted the winning point in the 14th.

Only one game was played last night. The north sheet of ice was in good shape, but the south sheet was so badly damaged in the warm weather that it will require another day or so to get it ready for use.

HOUSE DRESSES ARE VOGUE FOR DANCE

The house dress dance on Friday, March 2, sponsored by the Bassano Women's Institute promises to be the most popular dance of the season.

Tickets are now being sold, and a record crowd is expected to attend. Whist will be played during the early part of the evening, followed by a supper of the usual Institute standard.

An exhibition of acrobatic dancing will be presented by pupils of Miss Moorhead's school of dancing.

The announcement last week that Mr. Furley and his Scarlet Serenaders of Enchant, would provide the music created widespread interest. It will be the first time this orchestra has been engaged to play in Bassano. The Institute has been assured that their programs meet with keen approval wherever they have played.

Tickets are 50 cents for whist drive, supper, and dance.

Dr. Dickson Speaks At School Banquet

Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, to the number of 144, gathered for the Bassano high school banquet in the Masonic Community Hall last Friday evening, Feb. 16.

It was the third annual banquet, and the most successful yet held. Rev. Dr. Geo. Dickson, of Calgary, was the principal speaker. He gave an inspiring address on the value of education and its effect on life, and stressed the need for a better understanding between people of different countries. There was too much nationalism, said Dr. Dickson, and not enough international friendship. Education along this line, he believed, would go far in promoting world peace.

Four toasts were on the program. Bob Donaldson proposed the toast to the parents. Dr. A. G. Scott was to have replied but he was called away just before the banquet. George Scott proposed the toast to the ex-students, and Miss Winnifred Playfair replied. The toast to the school was proposed by Miss Phyllis Plumer, with L. N. Whitehorn replying. H. W. Ford proposed the toast to the students, and Miss Gwen Stiles replied.

Patsy and Kathleen Smith and Christie Playfair gave a dancing number, and another dance was presented by Babe Bassarab and Gordon McLaws.

Fred Thompson, Lowell Sambrooke, Harry Holmes Jr. and Ben Plumer sang a quartette.

The evening was concluded with a splendid dance, the high school orchestra playing the music. The orchestra was as follows: Miss Hazel Barlow and Miss Phyllis Plumer, piano; Lowell Sambrooke, saxophone; Harry Holmes Jr., clarinet; Austin Ford, drums.

ROSEMARY NEWS

ROSEMARY, Feb. 21—Mr. and Mrs. Levesque of Countess, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Laganier.

Mrs. Wm. Tauffest was a Bassano visitor on Wednesday.

Roy Eastman spent several days north of the Red Deer river this week.

Oswald and Albert Vogel returned to their home near Pollockville on Tuesday.

E. Gallup made a business trip to Calgary on Friday.

Miss Agatha Gellings spent a few days with Miss Lois Ankrum.

A meeting of the baseball club was held last Friday at Chabot's store. The last year officers were re-elected for 1934. The club will put on a dance on March 1.

Don't forget the dance in Rosemary on March 2. Everybody welcome.

WILL TALK ON WHEAT
Wm. Pettinger, Calgary, Alberta Wheat Pool field man, will address a meeting in either Bassano or Lethbridge, on Tuesday, March 6. His topic will be the wheat situation as affects Canada. The place of the meeting has not yet been decided, but will be announced later.

FORMER GEM MERCHANT IN BUSINESS NEAR VICTORIA
M. Atkins, formerly postmaster and merchant at Gem, is now operating a store at Brentwood Bay, near Victoria, Vancouver Island.

GEM BENEFIT DANCE
The benefit dance sponsored by the Gem Athletic Club on Feb. 16 was a success. The aid of the Bassano Hockey Club was greatly appreciated.

HUSSAR NEWS

HUSSAR, Feb. 20—On Friday evening the second of the series of bridge parties for the curlers was held in the Rex Cafe. Mrs. E. Anderberg, wife of the president, was convener of the committee. Prizes for the ladies were donated by Mrs. O. Christensen, wife of the vice president. The fortunate ladies were: Mrs. A. Rasmussen and Miss I. Eyres, and the men, J. Chang and A. Fourrier. Cards were played at nine tables. The next of the series will be held on March 23, with Mrs. R. Schooling's rink in charge.

The Ladies' Aid held a valentine card party in the Rex Cafe again this year, with bridge at eight tables. Mrs. T. L. Montgomery won lady's first prize, and J. Dundas the men's. Consolations went to Mrs. E. A. Holland and A. Rasmussen. The room was beautifully decorated with suitable motifs. Miss Anna Hole and Mrs. E. J. Bell were the committee in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Christensen and Mrs. L. M. Clark were Hussar visitors on Saturday.

Miss Evelyn Hole, who has been visiting her sister, Miss Anna Hole, in Hussar for a week, returned to Duchess on Thursday.

E. G. Paddon, accompanied by L. L. Woodford and Ole Christensen, motored to Calgary on Thursday. Mr. Woodford purchased a new model Dodge car, and he and Mr. Christensen returned with it on Saturday.

E. J. Bell, Miss Bell, Mrs. R. E. Snellings and C. A. Weekes motored to Calgary on Saturday.

Theo Larsen, who spent a few days in Calgary, returned on Friday.

Mrs. J. Dundas spent a few days in Bassano last week with her daughter, Mrs. H. Maurer.

The W. I. meets with Mrs. H. E. Rollason on Thursday this week.

The next Ladies' Aid meeting will be at the home of Mrs. J. Hoeght, on March 8.

The girl guides held their first meeting in the school house on Thursday. The evening was spent very profitably signalling and playing efficiency games. Next meeting will be with Guide June Dundas.

The boy scouts held their annual meeting on Thursday evening in the basement of the Masonic Hall.

The annual musical recital of the pupils of Miss Peggy Reeves, L.A.B., will be held in the hall this year on Friday evening, March 9. The net proceeds of the recital and the dance which will follow, will be turned over to the Hussar Athletic Club.

The U.F.A. play will be given in the hall on March 23. A dance will follow.

Rev. A. R. Aldridge plans to conduct services here on Feb. 26, at 12 noon, and possibly at 7:30 p.m.

The syllabus of the annual inspectorate festival, musical and dramatic, has arrived, and the teachers of Hussar school are planning to begin drill at once for the parts.

A meeting of all parents interested in forming a parent-teachers association here is called for Tuesday evening at the school house.

W. R. McLean and little Helen Beattie, of Cluny, called at the Bells' on Sunday on their way home. They, with Mrs. McLean and son, motored to Chancellor on Saturday and spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Dick Mann, and Mrs. McLean and son remained with them for a week.

Mrs. Hawkshaw, who has been in Calgary the past two weeks, returned home on Monday.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane will be interested to know that a daughter was born to them just before Christmas.

Hans Buckschmidt and Graham Montgomery motored to Calgary on Monday.

Flies and butterflies were seen in Hussar on Sunday and Monday, Feb. 18 and 19. The colder weather of Tuesday is quite welcome.

Dr. Barlow of Bassano, was in Hussar on business Sunday.

THE PICTURES

"After Tonight" is the feature at the Orpheum Theatre Friday night only this week.

Ronald Colman stars in "The Masquerader" Saturday night only. "The Blue Danube" is showing Friday night next week; also "The Three Little Pigs."

HOSPITAL NOTES

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hallet, Makepeace, on Wednesday, Feb. 21, at the Bassano Hospital.

Miss Agnes Meldinger, Bassano, is a patient in the hospital after an operation for appendicitis on Wednesday.

Mrs. D. Jansen, Gem, is a patient in the hospital.

Mrs. DeHayes, Gleichen, is a hospital patient.

Dies in Lonely Shack Near Hussar

Chris Andersen Dies in Lonely Home—Born in Denmark 71 Years Ago, and Lived Near Hussar 16 Years

Death stalked into a lonely old bachelor's shack six and a half miles southwest of Hussar last Thursday night and claimed Chris Andersen, farmer, 71 years of age.

Shunning the fellowship of friends and relatives, Andersen chose to live alone in his prairie home. He had been in poor health for the past few years, and in November 1932, he underwent a serious operation from which he never fully recovered.

Deceased was born in Denmark, July 23, 1863. He lived in Iowa 17 years before coming to Hussar in 1918. In the year 1925 he purchased a farm from H. Brassard, and lived there until his death.

The late Mr. Andersen is survived by two nephews, A. Andersen of Hussar, and Martin Andersen of Wayne; one brother, James Andersen of Irwin, Iowa, and two sisters, Mrs. Hodner of Audubon, Iowa, and Mrs. Hillyer, Coon Rapids, Iowa.

The funeral service was held in Hussar Hall Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. John Hart of Bassano officiating. Interment was made in the Hussar cemetery.

Alberta May Get More Sugar Refineries

Establishment of a new sugar refinery in the Lethbridge Northern District and possibly a second in the neighborhood of Bassano or Brooks, is assured if a delegation which left Lethbridge last week-end for Ottawa is successful in obtaining legislation from the federal government establishing a quota of 75 per cent for the Canadian sugar refinery industry.

The delegation consists of R. B. McMillin, Barrwell, representing the growers, and A. B. Hogg and J. Sutton, representing the Lethbridge Board of Trade. They will be joined by delegates from Manitoba and Ontario.

E. E. Eisenhauer, agricultural advisor to the Lethbridge Northern, pointed out that unless the refinery was made possible the Lethbridge Northern could not pay, out of present production from the land, its indebtedness to the government.

Gets 30 Days For Ring Theft

John E. Smith, of Bindloss, was sentenced to 30 days with hard labor last Monday when he pleaded guilty to the theft of a diamond ring from H. Wemp, also of Bindloss. The ring was valued at \$75.00.

Smith was picked up by Sergt. J. N. Cawsey when the accused attempted to sell the ring for \$25.00 to A. T. Connolly, Bassano jeweler, who was asked to place a valuation on the ring. Connolly reported the incident to the police, and Smith was questioned. He admitted theft of the stone, and told a heart-breaking story of misfortune.

SCHOOL MUSIC FESTIVAL IN STRATHMORE MAY 23

The annual school music and dramatic festival of this inspectorate will be held in Strathmore again this year. The date is May 23.

Teachers and pupils of Bassano school are making preparations to compete in the festival.

MORE EVERGREEN TREES

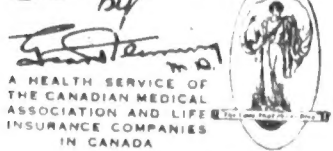
Three hundred and fifty more seedling trees are being brought in this spring by the Bassano Board of Trade for their nursery. The trees will come from Oliver, north of Edmonton. The parks committee of the board asked for 500 trees, but the forestry branch of the provincial government could supply only 350. The board is to get 200 spruce, 50 lodge pole pine, 50 larch, and 50 ash.

BROOMBALL

The Bassano broomball team played the local Skyrockets to a scoreless tie last Sunday afternoon on the slough on the Reimche farm, two miles east of town. The ice was on the slough at the Reimche farm. The broomballers challenge anyone to play them, hockey players excepted.

Miss Winnifred Playfair, normal school student, is now practice teaching in Calgary.

HEALTH



STOMACHACHE

When Johnny or Mary has a stomachache most parents reach for the castor-oil bottle, or some other patent laxative, because most parents believe that a purge is good treatment for any pain in the stomach.

Pain is Nature's danger signal, and it is always a mistake to ignore pain; to do so is to take a risk which may lead to disaster. Pain means irritation, and does not necessarily imply that Johnny has eaten something which has disagreed with him. Stomachaches may be due to indiscretions in diet, but they may also come from other causes.

Rest is essential in the treatment of inflammation. Rest allows Nature to do her best in preventing the spread of infection and in bringing about the healing of the part. If the appendix becomes inflamed, Nature places the intestine at rest for the reasons mentioned. A dose of castor oil at this time defeats Nature's protective effort by whipping the intestines into action, with the unfortunate result that the wall of the appendix, weakened by inflammation, gives way, and the contents of the bowel are set free in the peritoneal cavity.

Peritonitis resulting from the thoughtless administration of laxatives for stomachache is not rare, and it has been responsible for a number of deaths which would not have occurred had the laxative not been given.

We can imagine the smile that will come to many faces when we say that it is dangerous to give a laxative for a stomachache. So many occasions will be recalled when this has been done and no harm resulted. That is true, and it is also true that the motor car sometimes beats the train at the level crossing. It is equally true, however, that the train gets there first sometimes, and that laxatives for abdominal pain are responsible for a large percentage of the 1,453 deaths from appendicitis in Canada last year.

When there is pain in the abdomen it is a safe and practical rule not to give anything by mouth in the nature of food or medicine, and not to give an enema. Hot or cold applications to the abdomen may be used to ease the pain, and, if the pain persists, a doctor should be called.

This may appear to be acting with undue caution, but we do not believe that it is, and we know of no other way to reduce the wastage of human life from appendicitis than to urge upon each individual that abdominal pain, whether it be called stomachache or something else, should be taken seriously. Appendicitis occurs at all ages. Obstruction of the bowel of the bowel occurs at all ages. It is the part of wisdom not to use laxatives for abdominal pain because the purgation may lead to perforation which, in turn, may lead to death.

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WRONG KIND OF ECONOMY

With only two operators on the Bassano telephone switchboard, the girls are compelled to work very long hours to maintain the 24 hour service. Certain provincial legislation requires that employers may work their employees only a certain number of hours. The girls on the Bassano telephone switchboard far exceed that limit.

The services of one operator were dispensed with a few weeks ago, presumably as an economy measure. It appears to us that a reduction of salary among the higher officials would be a fairer method of cutting expenses in the telephone department.

SUGAR BEETS AGAIN

A delegation from Lethbridge and Barnwell is in Ottawa for the purpose of urging on the federal government the advisability of passing legislation which will help the beet sugar industry of Canada.

The delegation believe that proper legislation will afford sufficient protection to the beet sugar industry to enable it to expand in Canada, and the result would be of immense benefit to farmers in the irrigation areas of Alberta.

One strong argument in favor of special legislation is advanced by E. E. Eisenhauer, agricultural advisor to the Lethbridge Northern Irrigation project. Mr. Eisenhauer claims that unless a sugar refinery is made possible, the Lethbridge Northern project could not pay, out of present production from the land, its indebtedness to the government.

If protection is given the beet sugar industry for the sake of the Lethbridge Northern, then we may expect to see the industry expand and possibly a sugar refinery will be built somewhere in the C.P.R. eastern Irrigation Block.

WHAT ABOUT CONTRACTS?

Farmers in the C.P.R. irrigation block are wondering what the company is going to do this spring in the matter of land contracts.

Last year the company accepted one-fourth share of the crop in payment for one year's interest, premium, and water rental. It was a good proposition for the farmer and many took advantage of it.

What the company plans to do this year has not been announced.

When the C.P.R. made the quarter crop share agreement last year, grain prices were much lower than they are today. That will likely be an important factor in deciding what is to be done this year.

In the meantime farmers are uncertain as to what to do. Some are moving out in the hope of bettering themselves. Others are waiting to see what is going to happen.

Questions, concerning health addressed to the Canadian Medical Association, 184 College St., Toronto, will be answered personally by letter.

The Week at Ottawa

(by Dr. F. W. Gershaw, M. P.)

At the opening of the session the speech from the throne is read by the governor-general. It is prepared by the cabinet and reviews what has been done and gives a forecast of the coming legislation. Some member is asked to move that an address be presented to the governor-general thanking him for his speech. This motion was finally passed after two and one-half weeks debate.

The Pension Board has discontinued pensions to certain ex-service men whose married status was questionable. It was pointed out that the board should not sit in an office and reduce or cancel these pensions without the pensioner having a chance to be heard. Under the criminal law of the country, a man or woman could not be convicted of bigamy for marrying, believing the former spouse to be dead, even if seven years had not elapsed. If seven years had elapsed, then it was on the Crown to prove that the former wife or husband had in fact been heard of. A woman was married in 1884 and one year later her husband deserted her. She had been told he was dead, and seventeen years later she married another man. This man is now in 1934 being refused his pension because the board claims there is no proof of the death of the woman's first husband. A promise was obtained to have these cases reviewed.

The riots, bloodshed and strife in France and Austria this week are indeed a warning to all countries to move in the direction of equalizing wealth and of dealing with unemployment and poverty in a courageous manner.

On Wednesday a debate took place on crime and prison reform. It was pointed out that crime was a disease of society and that the prisoner was not alone to blame. Heredity, environment and economic conditions all had a part in bringing the prisoner to the cell. It was urged that each prisoner be examined on admission for physical or mental defects, that work be provided to pay for his keep and if there was any surplus earned that it should go to his family. Paddling was described and the member from Kingston exhibited the rubber paddle in use. Prisoners are also punished by being kept in their cells for long hours, by being confined to the dungeon and by being kept on bread and water.

The minister of justice replied by saying that since communists were placed in Kingston there had been much trouble and many attempted revolutions. He stated the new superintendent, General Ormsby, had greatly improved conditions. They were planning segregation of prisoners to avoid contamination, and provide better health and hospital service, more education and more humane treatment.

Bringing Him Down

Maud: "Why did you break your engagement with poor Tom?"
Edith: "Hush, don't tell anyone, but he was growing so horribly fat. When grief has pulled him down a bit I shall take him on again."

LATHOM NEWS

LATHOM, Feb. 20—H. A. Ross was a Calgary visitor over the week-end.

A very pleasant time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Lore Wednesday of last week when 21 neighbors and friends surprised them. It was Mrs. Lore's birthday, and the guests took this way of showing their regard and wished her many happy returns of the day. Mrs. H. Bigham and C. Powell won the prizes at five hundred.

The Lathom Community Club put on another of their popular card and dance parties Friday night. Nine tables of five hundred were played. Miss Mary Freeman and H. Bigham won the first prizes. After lunch the floor was cleared and the young people enjoyed three hours of dancing. Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. Erickson and Louie Osterburg supplied excellent music.

The club met at the home of Mrs. Wurster last Thursday. Roll call was answered by poems and sketches on the origin of St. Valentine's day. Seven members and six visitors were present. Plans were made for a dance the last week in February. Next meeting at Mrs. A. Freeman's, March 1, when a Scotch program will be held. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Woycenko and Elizabeth were Calgary visitors over the week-end.

Misses M. Wurster, P. Wilson, P. Mott and Lance Wurster, Dan Powell and Glenn Stafford attended the dance in Gem Friday night.

Dave Lore, who has been on the sick list the past two weeks is able to be around again.

Mrs. Luciak and Anne, who have been visiting here the past week, returned to Cassils Wednesday.

Miss R. Simond returned home Friday after spending the past few months visiting at Cassils.

Ralph Burrows, E. R. Heidt, B. D. Benjamin, of Countess, have been busy cutting and hauling ice from the Lathom headgates the past week.

Glenn Stafford, Lance Wurster, W. Freeman, Misses M. Wurster, Pauline Wilson, were supper guests at the Mott home Sunday.

A number of the boys spent Sunday evening with Dave Lore.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dows and children, of Bassano, spent Saturday at Mrs. Wurster's.

MAJORVILLE NEWS

MAJORVILLE, Feb. 20—A short minstrel program and dance, sponsored by Miss F. Wainwright and pupils for playground equipment at Fawn Hill school, was an enjoyable event on Friday, Feb. 16. Among the items were songs by Arnold Boswell, song by Mary Campbell, and readings by Lila Greaves, Keith Boswell, and Florence Wainwright. Leslie Greaves acted as valentine postman. Novelty dances were enjoyed. Music was supplied by J. Shield and S. Carlson.

A junior U.F.A. meeting was held at the home of the Misses Wainwright on Saturday, Feb. 17. Valentine games were enjoyed and a delightful lunch was served at twelve.

MILLCENT NEWS

MILLCENT—The local Amusement Club has now a large membership. Bowling, billiards, and card playing are the favorite games.

The play and dance given by the Sam Howe Rangers drew a large crowd. The Silly Symphony orchestra supplied the music.

Mrs. Jess J. Ford, who has been in the Medicine Hat Hospital for the past few days, is reported to be doing very well.

Dale Nicholson, of Millicent Flats, is having an auction sale early next month. He plans to return to Nebraska.

A. L. Ball and S. Carter went to Calgary last week.

A St. Valentine party was held in the school Wednesday afternoon. All parents were invited.

The condition of local roads has made automobile travelling difficult. Tom Charlton has been working overtime lately making alterations in the local store. (Apparently it's good reducing exercise.)

The Amusement Club plan to hold another dance on March 9.

Mrs. Beresford won another crossword puzzle prize in one of the London papers. Frank Charlton won a weekly prize in the Paulin contest. J. Jasperson won third prize in sweet clover seed at Calgary.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our thanks to all who assisted in any way, also for the beautiful flowers and many kindly expressions of sympathy, in our bereavement in the loss of our uncle, Mr. Chris Andersen.

Andy and Martin Andersen and Families,
Hussar and Wayne.

5,000 FACTS ABOUT CANADA

The new 1934 edition of this popular cyclopedia of Canada contains a wealth of new material that reveals an encouraging degree of progress, with up-grades in many lines in spite of any adverse conditions. Canada, judged by this tabloid record, is a truly going concern. The 50 chapters cover every department of the national life. No wonder it is widely used by governments, industries, banks, financial houses, schools, etc., in order to "sell Canada." Its compiler, Frank Yeigh, renders a distinct service in this hardy annual, now in its 31st year. Copies at 35 cents each, or three for a dollar, may be had from the Canadian Facts Publishing Co., 588 Huron Street, Toronto, or leading newsdealers.

Prospects Good

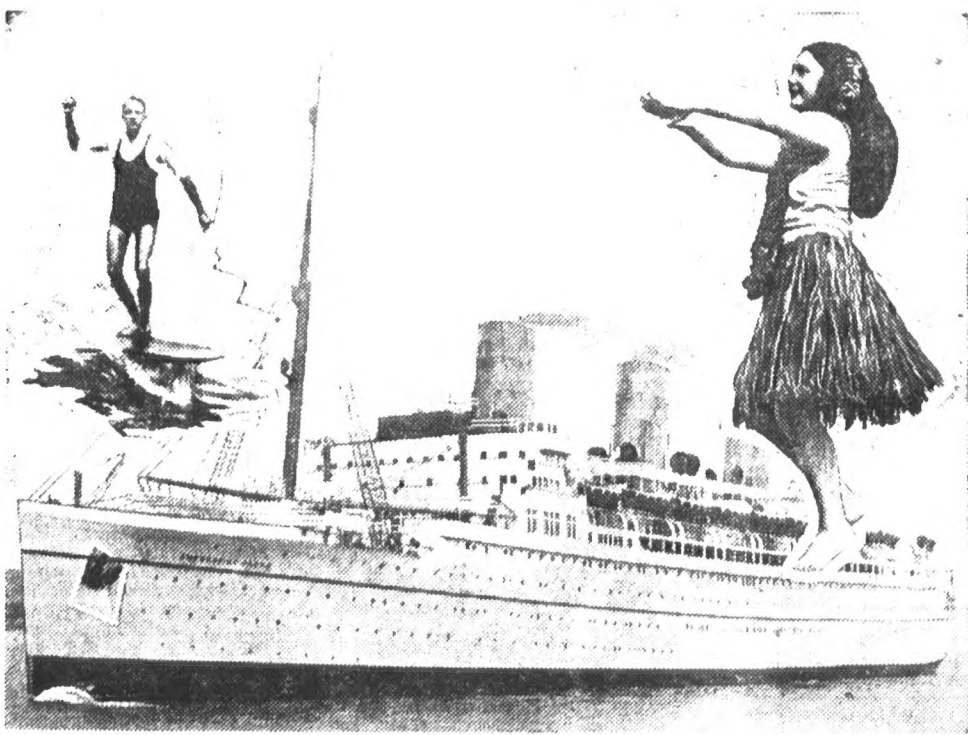
Her Father: "So you are in the navy. What are your prospects for promotion?"

Plebe: "The best in the whole navy, sir. My job is the lowest one we've got."

"Where nowadays will you find the youth who can smile when everything around him is going wrong?"
"On the links tomorrow morning, carrying my golf clubs."

Two 18,000-ton liners to be built in Italy for Poland are to be bartered for Polish coal for the Italian State Railways.

Honolulu! Here I Come



Twelve days of sea and sun on board transpacific luxury liners and twenty-four hours at the mid-Pacific playground of Honolulu are featured in a unique vacation (so different from the average two weeks holiday) offered by the Canadian Pacific and Canadian-Australasian Lines in May and June this year.

A surprisingly low rate for the

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The first excursion leaves on

the Empress of Japan from Vancouver and Victoria on May 5, arrives at Honolulu May 10, leaves the next day in the Aorangi and returns to the Pacific Coast ports on May 18. The second departure will be from Vancouver and Victoria on June 2 in the Empress of Canada, reaching Honolulu on June 7, leaving there the next day in the Niagara and returning to Canada on June 15.

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JAPAN PLANS INTENSIVE
DRIVE FOR TRADE

Japan has set up a European Bureau in Vienna as a distributing centre for Japanese manufactured goods and has prepared a Ten Years' Export Plan which will establish her industries firmly in the world markets. "The Co-Operative Link"

states. Japan's export trade to Europe and America increased by 29 per cent in 1933. Here are some of the prices quoted on Japanese goods:

Electric light globes, 11 cents each. Bicycles, \$3.10; men's socks, 3 cents a pair; fountain pens with gold points 5 cents; 9 piece china coffee service, 32 cents complete.

Happy Landings!

Daughter: "When you refused him my hand, dad, did he go down on his knees?"

Dad: "I didn't notice where he lit."

Turks are developing a sweet tooth, and sugar production there is growing.

Duck Lake News

Duck Lake—Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hellwig, Mrs. J. Wombold, and Mrs. C. Rutschka, of Olds, were visitors in the Duck Lake district a few weeks ago.

The Lonely Mountaineer and his orchestra were entertaining for one evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. Rutschka.

Mrs. Vermillion has been shipping cream to the Bassano Creamery.

Harry Riddle has made a trade for a 1927 Ford car.

The Duck Lake crowd went to Crowfoot school Feb. 9 and had an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rutschka spent a few days in Bassano last week.

G. Rutschka made a trade for a 1925 Ford truck to haul his cream to Bassano this summer.

Johnnie Rutschka is remodelling a building for his farm, and expects to move in this spring.

Joe Helms has just finished threshing his barley.

Mr. Brink is now back in the district after spending the winter in Provost.

The roads are in rather bad condition, and the sloughs are full of water.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Vermillion celebrated their 21st wedding anniversary Feb. 8. Many guests enjoyed the evening.

Mrs. Fred Rutschka's injured arm is now improving.

CARE AND MANAGEMENT
OF BROOD SOWS

Exercise, a well-balanced ration, minerals, inexpensive sleeping quarters, are essential to the health of the sow and prospective young. Attention to these points is necessary in successful and profitable hog raising.

Experimental tests have proved that sows closely confined during the pregnant period often give birth to soft, flabby, weak pigs, lacking in vigor, with heavy mortality as a result.

Variety in the ration ensures health, supplies the necessary food nutrients for all the vital organs, and materially reduces the quantity of feed required per day.

In certain districts the home-grown grains do not contain enough calcium and phosphorus, and for that reason it is strongly advisable to keep a recommended suitable mineral mixture before the brood sows. At the Dominion Experimental Station, Rosthern, Sask., the amount of mineral consumed by all classes of hogs has been rather surprising, even the three-week-old pig taking readily to it, which seems to indicate that certain minerals which are not present in the sow's milk are required for body metabolism.

At the Rosthern Experimental Station the colony houses, banked with straw, or straw shelters, have proven to be the most satisfactory quarters for brood sows during the winter months. The bedding should be inspected occasionally to see that it is dry and that there is enough of it. The sows should not be overcrowded even in colony houses or straw shelters, as the odd sow has been known to develop pneumonia or rheumatism, possibly from becoming overheated and then chilled.

A winter ration for brood sows which has been used with very satisfactory results at the Rosthern Station from the standpoint of health and condition of the sow and number, thrift and low percentage of mortality in the litter can be made up of the following home-grown grains: oat chop, 200 pounds; barley chop, 100 pounds; ground wheat or screenings, 100 pounds.

A Word of Hope

He: "I shall never marry until I meet a woman who is my direct opposite."

She (encouragingly): "Well, Mr. Duffer, there are numbers of intelligent girls in this neighborhood."

The Preservation

of Fence Posts

The following article comes from the Dominion Range Experiment Station, Manyberries, Alta.

At this season of the year many farmers and ranchers are planning to buy or cut fence posts for the coming year. Before putting in these new posts, why not treat them with some preservative? It would surely be profitable to perhaps double the life of a fence post for the sake of one or two cents spent on this process of preservation.

At this station in 1923, different kinds of posts treated in different ways were set out. Five years later they showed practically no signs of deterioration, while decay had penetrated into untreated posts set at the same time, to a depth of one-quarter to three-quarter inches. Several untreated poplars were completely rotted off.

The cheapest form of treatment is soaking in a solution of bluestone (copper sulphate). This gives best results with green posts particularly native poplar or cottonwood, although it may also be used with fair success for other woods.

In bluestoning posts the butt ends are encased and they are stood upright in a solution of four or five pounds of bluestone to a barrel of water, with the liquid coming up to two or three feet on the post. A wooden barrel or tank must be used, as this substance corrodes metal. A strip of bark should also be taken off the remaining length, then, if the post is freshly cut and full of sap, the blue color may be seen rising in the wood. When this reaches the top the process is completed, usually requiring about 24 hours.

In some woods, such as tamarac, this action does not appear to take place, and only the part of the post actually in the solution will be saturated with bluestone.

Dry, seasoned posts may also be treated in this way, but the solution does not penetrate as well.

Coal tar is more satisfactory for dry cedars or tamaracs. This must be applied hot. The tar is best heated in a long cylindrical tank, such as an old water tank, by building a fire underneath. About one-third as much water as tar is added to prevent burning.

When the mixture is boiling the posts are dipped into the tank one at a time, removed immediately and allowed to drip a few seconds in another barrel.

Posts may be bluestoned for less than one cent each. The coal tar treatment costs approximately two cents a post.

Flour Millers Are Facing
Difficult Times

The president of the Maple Leaf Milling Co., one of the large Canadian milling corporations, states that the company's business during the first few months of the fiscal year was below that of the corresponding period of the previous year. The trouble lies in unprofitable prices for flour in the domestic market and the decline in exports. The Maple Leaf mills are equipped to do a large export business, but the decline in volume makes it difficult to operate profitably. A plan is being developed to re-arrange the capital structure of the company.

Going Into Bacon Hogs

The Colonization Finance Corporation of Canada, Ltd., has now 1433 farms in Western Canada under its wing. Most of these farms are in Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan. The corporation is planning on raising bacon hogs for the British market in an extensive way.

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Notwithstanding these substantial payments, the Company, during the same four-year period, increased its assets by \$55,000,000—its insurances in force by over \$307,000,000.

Sixty-third Annual Report—1933

ASSURANCES IN FORCE, December 31, 1933 - - - - - \$2,770,453,871

This large amount, the accumulating estates of nearly a million Sun Life policyholders, will become payable to them or their dependents during this generation—a stabilizing factor of great social and economic value.

NEW ASSURANCES PAID FOR - - - - - 216,567,441

INCOME - - - - - 152,235,821

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EXCESS OF INCOME OVER DISBURSEMENTS - - - - - 24,730,020

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES - - - - -

During the year 1933 - - - - - 97,457,059

Since Organization - - - - - 800,170,035

ASSETS - - - - - 624,116,035

Bonds: government, municipal, public utility and others; stocks; preferred and common; loans on mortgages; real estate; loans on Company policies; cash in banks, and other assets.

LIABILITIES - - - - - 609,965,632

Almost nine-tenths of this sum represents the policy reserve—the amount set aside to guarantee all policy payments as they become due.

PAID-UP CAPITAL (\$2,000,000) and balance at credit of shareholders' account - - - - - \$3,342,547

RESERVE for depreciation—in mortgages and real estate - - - - - 4,885,904

SURPLUS - - - - - 5,951,752

\$14,180,203

The valuation of bonds and stocks has been made on the basis prescribed for all companies by the Insurance Department of the Dominion of Canada and in conformity with the basis authorized by the Departments of Insurance of the various provinces of Canada.

Policy liabilities have been valued by the full net level premium method, a standard more exacting than required under the stringent provisions of the Dominion Insurance Act.

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Comment on Wheat Situation

Wheat stocks in Canada, Argentina and Australia available for export or carryover totalled 558 million bushels the first of the year, while the market requirements were not more than 234 million bushels. This situation was not very cheerful in the view of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The passage of the first half of the crop year showed a slow reduction of the world's heavy wheat stocks. While the supplies on ocean passage were the lowest in years, only about 20½ million, European port stocks were almost double those of a year ago.

Weather conditions have now the greatest influence on wheat markets. Conditions in the U. S. winter wheat belt are being watched very closely. Some rain fell recently in the southwest but conditions in the big wheat producing state of Kansas are not very good. While there is a menace to the U. S. winter wheat crop thru a poor start, cold and dry weather, it is possible for a startling revival to take place from rains and good weather conditions from now on. Insofar as European conditions are concerned damage has been reported but the extent of this cannot be determined until spring.

Wheat Agreement Debate

Nothing has as yet been announced regarding the plans of those responsible for meeting the domestic situation insofar as the International Wheat Agreement is concerned. Premier Bennett stated in the House of Commons that the matter rested with the provinces, but that the provincial premiers believed grasshopper damage would effect sufficient acreage reduction without any further steps being taken.

W. Sanford Evans, M.L.A. for Winnipeg, leader of the opposition in the Manitoba legislature, president of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce, president of the Sovereign Life Assurance Co., president of the Evans Grain Statistical Service, and ex-mayor of Winnipeg, had something to say about the wheat agreement on the opening of the Manitoba legislature. He criticised the premiers of the prairie provinces asserting that the whole scheme of Canadian participation in the agreement had been inspired by them (the premiers) and their "brain trust," and he charged that they were now "hiding behind the coat-tails of Mr. Bennett and trusting in grasshoppers." "Neither the premiers nor Mr. Bennett had any mandate to negotiate that agreement," Mr. Evans maintained.

Wheat Czar Replies

John I. McFarland, referred to by Isaac Marcossian in the Saturday Evening Post as "Canada's wheat czar," took up the cudgels a day or two after Sanford Evans' peroration with a statement from which the following is extracted:

"The source of origin of all propaganda against wheat acreage reduction should and must be carefully examined before it is accepted. Inasmuch as the value of all criticism depends on whether it is free from self-interest or entirely altruistic.

"On analysis it will be found that most of what such writers state is in the form of unsubstantiated opinion or conjecture and generally expresses their own imagination.

"In the long run I still believe Western Canada's principal industry is soundly based and capable of great expansion, but figures show that for the next year or two we must help other nations to set the wheat market in order, and in the meantime we must not delude ourselves about the pressing nature of the problem confronting us."

From Overseas

Overseas in the British Empire's capital the International Wheat Committee concluded deliberations extending over a lengthy period and reports have been sent to the 21 governments concerned. Nothing was divulged as to the contents, but it is believed some important and far-reaching suggestions were contained therein, one being the plan for a minimum price thruout the world.

The grain trade thruout the world is much alarmed, believing that the recommendations of the committee, if carried out, will further undermine their operations, consequently they set about the task of developing a counter attack, part of the program being a broadcast from Chicago by Mr. Broomhall, the British wheat authority.

The spokesmen of the big four wheat exporting nations, Canada, U.S.A., Argentina, and Australia, had this statement to make: "There are many in the wheat trade ready and anxious to cry failure, but it is the commission's task to think on behalf of the farmer. There are thousands of them to every individual wheat trader. The trader's turnover must be restricted but in the end they will profit too."

Japan is now exporting matches at the rate of 1,600,000,000 pounds a month.



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THE HUMAN SPHINX

By **Ellis Parker Butler**

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TENTH INSTALMENT

Simon Judd, amateur detective, and Wm. Dart, undertaker, are visiting John Drane, eccentric man of wealth. The household is shocked to find that Drane has been murdered. Police officers are called and investigations begin. Dr. Blessington is called, and after seeing the murdered John Drane makes the astounding revelation to Amy Drane that her "uncle" is a woman. All the servants of the house are sickly. Dick Brennan, detective, arrives and questions the servants and Miss Amy Drane. Simon Judd, Drane's boyhood friend, wishes to act as Brennan's assistant in the hunt for the murderer. Now go on with the story.

"I won't be no more trouble to you than need be," Simon Judd said. "Only thing is it would be quite an experience to me to work hand in arm, so to say, with a real detective like you are."

"I think we can manage it," Brennan said.

"Black my cats! that's fine!" Simon Judd exclaimed. "Amy, that fixes that fine! I'm goin' to pitch right in and work at this thing until we get it all cleaned up and the murderous person put right where he ought to be. Fine! Now, first off, girl, you go up to my room and if them officers has got thru rummagin' in my baggage, fetch me down a note book I've got in my valise up there. It's a blank one, Amy, without anything wrote in it yet. I didn't know whether real detectives used note books or not, but I see Brennan does, and I want to do this thing right. It's right down in the bottom of the valise, Amy."

The girl went into the house and Simon Judd looked after her. When

he saw she was gone he drew closer to Brennan.

"Now that you and me are in cahoots on this business, partner," he said, "we want to start off clean and clear and no favors. What I know you want to know, if not nothin' no good. And there's somethin' wrong here right at the start."

"It being—?" Brennan asked.

"The girl, Amy here," Simon Judd whispered. "She ain't what she says she is."

"What do you mean by that?" Brennan asked. "You mean she's crooked?"

"Oh, black my cats, no!" Simon Judd exclaimed. "If I know folks she's the straightest sort there is—and the nicest too. She ain't this late John Drane's niece, nor yet his grand-niece—that's what I mean. You hear her say off that rigamarole about John Drane's brother Daniel goin' to California in '78, and marryin' a Mary O'Ryan, and havin' a son Thomas that was this Amy's pa? And about this Thomas Drane marryin' some Amelia Gartner that come to be this girl's ma? Well, black my cats, it's all true except none of it! There wasn't no brother Daniel. No sir! I take my oath on that. I knowed that Drane family as well as I know myself, and there wasn't no Daniel in it. That's all lies."

"Are you sure of that?" Brennan asked.

"Why, lister!" said Simon Judd. "This girl got the story from John Drane. John Drane told her this Daniel Drane went west in '78. In '78 John Drane was 25 years old and him an' me had been chums since we was born never a day we didn't see each other. I was at their house more than I was at my own. I knowed them from A to Z. And there wasn't any Daniel Drane. I tell you. There was just two kids in the family—John and a sister of his named Ella, and knew them both all the time."

"He made up this story to tell the girl," said Brennan.

"Because he was a woman," said Simon Judd, "and hadn't no children to love and cherish. He was 'she,' mind you, Brennan. And when she—this John Drane, whoever she was—got along oldish she had to have some child to love. So, if I ain't an old tool and guessin' wrong, she picked out some orphan child some-where and told a lot of lies. Just to have a kid to come back here and love her when she got too old and feeble to fuss with this Wall Street stuff, and so on."

"This may be mighty important if it is true," Brennan said. "It might account for the murder—some connection of the child, her father, perhaps, wanting money. Something along that line."

"It's true," Simon Judd insisted. "Why, look here, you! This old woman, this John Drane, made it all up. Take the names—Mary O'Ryan was a girl we both knew out there in Riverbank when we were kids. She died out there only last year. And Daniel! She had a brother Daniel, this Mary did. And Amelia Gartner, that was said to be Amy's ma she was another kid we both knew in Riverbank when we were kids together. She's alive yet, out there, and she had a brother Thomas—that gave the notion of a Thomas Drane. You go out to Riverbank and you'll find that's all the solemn truth; you go out to California and I bet you don't find any trace of a Daniel Drane, or a Mary O'Ryan his wife, or a Thomas Drane or of—"

"Hush!" Brennan whispered.

"The girl is coming." Amy returned with the notebook for which Simon Judd had sent her and almost immediately Mrs. Vincent came out, leaning on the arm of Bob Carter. She had been resting on her bed, being in great pain, and had been obliged to put on a dress before she could answer Brennan's summons. The poor woman seemed to be in a very bad state indeed, but she did her best to answer Brennan's questions, and her answers were full and quite circumstantial.

She was a widow, she said, and had been employed by the supposed John Drane for five years. He had personally engaged her as housekeeper at an employment agency in the city where she had registered, and his offer had been a great relief to her because it had been hard to find a position on account of her poor health. He probably would not have taken her, she said, except that the house had been for two months without a mistress, the former housekeeper having died. The wages

were all she could have expected.

She said, furthermore, that she was a widow, and the antecedents she gave were such that Brennan could easily look up. Mr. Drane always left the household expenses to her. On the first of each month—about the seventh to be exact—he had given her a check for the estimated expenses; if the expenses ran higher he gave her extra money; if they ran less he made the check less. He was always very particular in checking the bills with her but they never had any quarrels; he was very fair that way.

She had never had, she said, the slightest idea that "John Drane" was a female. He was peculiar in some ways, but no more so than other people. She considered him a finicky old bachelorish shaving twice a day, for instance, which she now saw was in order that the tick of a beard might not be noticed, had seemed to her merely one example of his "old-maidishness."

Very few people came to the house, Mrs. Vincent said, although the young folk began to come after Amy's arrival, and Mr. Drane liked that. He encouraged it, telling Mrs. Vincent to do all she could to make the place pleasant for them. Mr. Dart, the undertaker, had been the most frequent visitor, often coming to play cards and staying the night. The blue room had been used by him so often that the servants usually called it "Mr. Dart's room." Personally, she did not like Mr. Dart much; he was apt to be "upplish" when Mr. Drane was not present. By "upplish" she meant "bossy," she explained, for he acted as if he thought he had a right to order the servants around, which he hadn't. He never acted so when Mr. Drane was around, of course. Mr. Drane always had a way with him and knew how to keep people in their places.

The servants, Mrs. Vincent thought, were all decent and reliable. She had personally looked into the references of all of them when they were engaged.

"Mr. Drane," she said, "got them from the hospital."

"You mean he took the hospital employees away from the hospital?" Brennan asked her.

"Oh, no, indeed!" Mrs. Vincent exclaimed as if afraid Brennan might think ill of John Drane. "It was quite the other way, sir. Mr. Drane took a great interest in the hospital, you see; he helped build it and all that. That was one of the few places he ever went at right—to the meetings of the hospital board. The hospital, you see, sir, can't keep chronic patients but so long—a couple of weeks, maybe—and then out they must go, and where they go very few of them know. So Mr. Drane took them. That is why they are all so sickly, one way and another. It was easy work here for them, almost no family, and Mr. Drane always wanted them to rest when ill. The hospital would let him know when there was a case that could work but was incurable, as you might say. Ah, sir, so many of them never did get well!"

"Died, you mean?" Brennan questioned.

"Yes, sir, Dr. Blessington can tell you," the housekeeper said. "There's no home in the town where he comes oftener. Nor where that man Dart comes to oftener, the more the pity it is!"

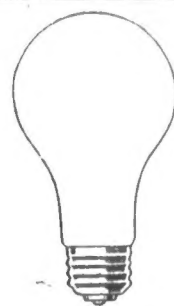
"The undertaker Dart?"

"That same," Mrs. Vincent replied. "And if I may say so, sir, I think it was for that reason he made up to Mr. Drane so persistently. It's not a nice thing to think, and I'm ashamed to think it, but there have been a great many funerals from this house, and no expense ever spared." Mrs. Vincent wiped her eyes. "Just when you get to like a person it was another funeral, it seemed. Like Norbert, the poor fellow! I've a great fondness for him, even if he is black, for he is a good man, Norbert is. He's not long to live."

"Great heavens! What a house!" Brennan exclaimed.

"Yes, there were times when I felt it was lugubrious," said Mrs. Vincent, shaking her head. "It was not always cheerful knowing that all those under me would almost surely die and make place for those that would die in their turn."

Brennan glanced at Simon Judd. The fat man was listening with his eyes closed but he was not asleep; he was rubbing his plump hands back and forth across his enormous paunch slowly.



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"I think that will be all, Mrs. Vincent," Brennan said. "Send Norbert next, will you?"

When Mrs. Vincent had gone Brennan sat a few moments tapping the veranda floor with his toe and frowning. He turned to Amy suddenly.

"This isn't pleasant for you," he said, "and there is no need of your listening to all this. It is only what you know already, I imagine. If there is anything else you'd like to do you need not stay."

Bob Carter took her by the arm. "He's right," Carter said. "Suppose we go and sit in the summer house a while. We've enough to talk over ourselves, Amy," and the girl arose and went with him.

"What do you make of all this, partner?" Brennan asked Simon Judd. "It's queer all thru, don't you think? It sounds to me a sif this John Drane woman was crazy, slightly touched in the head, anyway. An alienist could give it a name, I suppose. When a woman masquerades as a man all her life, and gathers around her a lot of chronic invalids and nothing much else, and makes an undertaker her best friend at a chum, she's crazy. Or what do you think about it?"

"Well, I don't know as she's been masqueradin' as a man all her life, Richard," Simon Judd said deliberately. "I wouldn't go so far as to say 'all her life,' nor yet, anyway."

"Oh, you know what I mean," said Brennan. "A long time."

"I don't know as I'd say 'a long time,' not yet," Simon Judd insisted. "For all I know, mister, she may have started in half an hour before I come here. The whole bunch of these folks may be lyin' to me, far as I know. I don't know what they may be tryin' to cook up on us. There's one thing I would like to know."

His opportunity to learn it came promptly, for Dr. Blessington drove up to the veranda at that moment, his other affairs having received attention. Brennan, who knew him fairly well, asked him to sit a while.

"I guess you're the very man I want to ask a couple of questions of," Simon Judd said. "This Mrs. Vincent lady says you've been coming here pretty regular right along, and you look like you had a couple of eyes in your head. About this John Drane—is there any time you noticed any special change in him?"

(continued next week)

Wheat Market Situation In Western Canada

In discussing the wheat situation in parliament during the current session, Premier Bennett said: "Most honorable members know that but for the intervention of the government the wheat situation would be an intolerable one. They (the farmers) have from time to time asked for a wheat board but they have had practically a wheat board

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for two years."

E. W. Turnbull, M.P. for Regina. "It is only thru the operations of John I. McFarland and the wheat exchange in Winnipeg that the farmers of Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba were able to sell large quantities of their wheat at all. They might have put it in storage but they could not have found a purchaser for it except as the wheat moved for export. In that case the carryover would have been on the hands of the farmers and the cash in the hands of somebody else. Instead of the carryover being on the hands of somebody else and the cash in the pockets of the farmers."

C. S. Measures to Regulate Stock and Commodity Exchanges
President Roosevelt on Friday of last week asked the U. S. Congress to place all the nation's stock exchanges and commodity markets under iron-clad federal regulation.

"Naked speculation has been made too alluring and far too easy for those who could and those who could not afford to gamble," the president said. "We must be certain that abuses are eliminated and to this end a broad policy of national regulation is required. It is my belief that exchanges for dealing in securities and commodities are necessary and of definite value to our commercial and agricultural life; nevertheless, it should be our national policy to restrict as far as possible the use of these exchanges for purely speculative purposes."

The measure calculated to carry out the president's wishes contains a variety of prohibitions. Penalties for infractions are up to ten years in jail and in fines up to \$25,000. The exchanges themselves are liable to fines up to \$500,000.

The various exchanges, of course, are opposed to the new regulations. The statement was made that the New York Stock Exchange alone had spent a million dollar in propaganda the last year or two to put over on the public two ideas: first, that speculation is essential to finance and business; that speculation on the exchanges is not gambling.



BASSANO LODGE No. 55, ANCIENT FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS
Meets second Tuesday of the month. Visiting Brethren cordially welcome.

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FEED - AUTO LIVERY - DRAYING
Agency for
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PHONE 26 Opposite Depot

The Women's Institute will hold their annual whist drive and dance in the Masonic Community Hall Friday night next week, March 2. It will be a house dress dance.

Hosiery

Canada's finest silk hose. Well dressed women today demand Kayser, the standard of quality and appearance. See the new spring shades in his semi-service hose.

35c a pair

Wool

Thistlebloom; a soft wool, with greater yardage to the 1 oz. ball.

25c a ball; 2 for 35c

Baby Pants

White and pink rubber pants.

price 25c

Knitting Pins

Unbreakable colored knitting pins; 15 inch; 2 in set. Also 9 inch pins, 4 in set.

20c a set

Kapok

Finest Java Kapok. Soft and fluffy; for stuffing cushions.

35c 1 lb pkg.

Childrens' Garters

Best Hickory elastic; grey color

85c a pair

Rugs

Rexoleum rugs, 18 x 36; scatter rug

price 25c

GROCERIES

FRUIT SPECIAL, 1 can sliced Pineapple, 1 can red Plums, 1 can Bartlett Pears, 1 can Grape Fruit Hearts, all for 69c

NEW CROP DATES, very fine quality, per pkg. 25c

COLOR COCOANUT, per bag 25c

GREEN or WAX BEANS, fancy quality, banquet size 2 for 25c

COFFEE, Star Special, 4 lbs. for \$1.00

TEA, Our Special broken orange pekoe, per lb 50c

CAMPBELL'S SOUP, Tomato, 3 tins for 33c

DOLLAR SODAS, wooden box, special 39c

PASTRY FLOUR, 10 lb. bag 55c

DAIRY BUTTER per lb. 20c

CHEESE, nippy Ontario 25c

TOILET TISSUE 5 rolls 25c also 2 for 25c; higher grade 2 for 35c

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

ORANGES, 3 doz for \$1.00

BANANAS, 2 lbs. 25c

Ripe Tomatoes, Cauliflower, Green Onions, Lettuce, Grape Fruit

APPLES, special, box \$1.49

JAMES JOHNSTON
"The Quality Store"

LOCAL NOTES

Miss Jean Plumer was home for the week-end from Hussar district. Capt. Edwards, school inspector, paid a visit to Bassano this week.

To date about 150 motor car licenses have been issued from Bassano, reports A. J. Bartlett, deputy clerk of the court. Car owners are reminded that a discount of \$6.00 is allowed off the regular license price on cars manufactured prior to 1926.

The young men, and some of the older ones, enjoyed a game of football last Sunday afternoon north of the school.

E. H. McCaugherty, who was a star on the old Bassano hockey team, played in the old timers' hockey game in Calgary last Wednesday night. McCaugherty is now living at Lacombe.

M. N. Foien, the Duchess auctioneer, was in Bassano Wednesday. He is handling a number of sales in the Rosemary and Duchess districts this spring.

Peter MacLean is visiting friends at Crawling Valley this week.

Mrs. Dundas, of Hussar, was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harry Maurer, last week.

W. S. Playfair and daughter Chrissie motored to Calgary last Friday morning, returning in the afternoon.

The juvenile hockey team had a work-out last Sunday afternoon at Meidinger's slough.

E. P. Currie was home for the week-end.

L. D. Nesbitt, of Calgary, passed thru Bassano today on his way to Brooks.

Joe Harris made a business trip to Calgary last Monday. He was accompanied by Ray Walker, brother of Mrs. R. Easterbrooke.

H. F. McDonald went to Calgary Tuesday morning, returning Wednesday.

Miss May Swainland left Tuesday for Bretwood Bay, Vancouver Island. She will make her home there with Mr. and Mrs. M. Atkins, formerly of Gem. Miss Swainland has resided in Bassano since the spring of 1911. For many years she lived with Mrs. M. Lee, and in recent years she has been with the R. A. Travis family.

Lloyd Leonard came home from Chitook last Saturday. He has been working at Chitook for the past few months.

Wm. McLaws is skipping a rink in the Gleichen hospital this week. On his rink he has Art Simpson, Bob MacGregor, and Lloyd Leonard. Miss Gordon, of Calgary, was a week-end guest of Mrs. H. B. Stitt.

KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. John Hart, Minister
Sunday School at 11 a.m.
Evening Service 7:30; sermon subject for Feb. 25, "Overlooked Resources"
Everybody welcome

AUCTION SALES

M. N. FOIEN

Auctioneer - Duchess

The following auction sales are billed:

H. BUER, ditchrider house, on main highway 6 miles N. W. Duchess, Wednesday, Feb. 28

Friday, March 2, Dale Nicholson, 6 miles south of Millicent

March 12, Jacob Schoenke, 6 miles north of Countess

March 24, community sale at Duchess, 10 a.m.

Watch for date of Jack Simpson's sale, N. E. of Duchess, latter part of March.

WANT ADS

TOBACCO \$1.00 will buy a year's supply of high grade Burley leaf tobacco. Mail \$1.00 for 3 pounds with full instructions for preparing into the finest smoking and chewing. Melbourne Tobaccos, Herb McCrea, Western Distributor, Hanna, Alta. 31-33c

FOR SALE or TRADE - for feed grain - one 4-year-old blue roan Shorthorn milk cow, just fresh; one black part Jersey milk cow to freshen soon; three rising 5-year-old mares, well broke; 1 rising 5-year-old light gelding; one York boar. Apply Lou Londrum, West Duchess, Alta. 31-33p

FOR SALE - First and second cutting alfalfa. M. H. Gamble, 2 miles north of Countess. 31-34p

FOR SALE, Jersey cow, freshen about Feb. 15; 4 work horses; 1 cultivator; one 12 ft. duckfoot drill, horse or tractor power. C. A. Guyatt, R. R. 1, Cluny. 30c

Lost, a heavy silver medal brooch bearing inscription on the reverse side, "Presented to Captain Boyle, For Merit, C. B. B. & S." \$1.00 reward. Finder please leave at The Bassano Mail office.

McKEE'S STORES

Special Announcement! W.I. House Dress Dance

on FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd

For this occasion we have received a consignment of the very latest Dresses in Floral Prints, Broadcloths, etc., suitable either for house or street wear.

Materials are the best, sun and tub fast; styles the very latest for spring and summer wear; prices the very keenest.

priced at \$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.95

Ladies are invited to come in and look these over, and wear one at the dance.

Smart New Shoes for the Dance

Just arrived, direct from an eastern factory, our first parcel of Ladies' Shoes for spring wear.

Ladies will find at McKee's the daintiest of footwear. Smart new pumps, clever models in new straps, ties and oxfords, all at extremely moderate prices.

and many others to select from.

Smart 3 eyelet and tie, black kid, silver trim, spike heel \$3.95

Black calf, 2 eyelet and tie, high Cuban heel \$3.95

Black kid pump, plain, spike heel \$3.95

Men's Wear Section

Men's and Boys Sweater Coats and Pullovers

A large selection of pure wool garments for men and boys; all best quality goods; every garment reduce in price during February.

reg. \$3.95 Special Price \$2.95 each

reg. \$4.95 Special Price \$3.75

reg. \$5.95 Special Price \$4.50

Men's Dress Sox

Of good quality 18th thread, in fancy check designs; will wash and wear well

Special 2 pairs for 45c

Men's New Spring Caps

Smart new Donegal Tweeds, diagonals and fancy mixtures, splendid values, reg. \$1.75 and \$1.50.

special, \$1.25

MEN'S NECKWEAR

Smart new ties for men in the latest designs; checks, stripes, fancy patterns. Excellent quality silks, dressy ties at low prices

50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25 each

Men's Black Dress Oxfords

Of fine black calf leather, with solid leather soles, built on a smart dressy last, guaranteed to give satisfactory service, reg. \$5.95 sizes and half sizes 6 to 10.

Special \$4.35

Men's High Dress Shoes

High grade shoes of black calf leather with solid leather soles, smart, up-to-date last, looks well and will wear well, an exceptional buy, reg. \$5.95;

Special \$4.35

MEN'S DRESS SHIRTS

The new Ripplesheen Shirts, with attached Perma-Stay collar. Ripplesheen is unshrinkable, wears well, looks well. Plain colors, sand, blue, grey, green, white

fixed selling price - \$2.00

MEN'S WHITE HANDKERCHIEFS

Special in soft white lawn handkerchiefs. A splendid quality at this low price.

3 for 25c

GROCERY SPECIALS

For Saturday Feb. 24 and Monday Feb. 26

HUCKLEBERRY JAM, K. C. brand, pure, 4 lb tin 69c

DAMSON JAM, Purity brand, no pectin 4 lb tin 57c

GINGER SNAPS, I.B.C. Superb Snaps, 3 lbs. for 41c

CANNED VEGETABLES, 1 tin Corn, 1 tin Tomatoes, 1 tin cut Beans, 3 tins for 47c

PORK and BEANS, Campbell's, in tomato sauce 3 tins 27c

CANNED PINEAPPLE, Singapore sliced or crushed 3 tins 41c

CANNED FISH, Sardines in mustard, Brunswick brand 5 tins 27c

SALMON, fancy quality Red Spring, tall tins per tin 25c

MACARONI, Famous Foods, 8 oz. pkts, 3 for 25c

MALTED MILK, Borden's, chocolate flavor 1 lb tin 45c

PRUNES, Libby's fancy Santa Clara, large size 2 lb pkt. 35c

CEREALS, 1 pkt. Puffed Wheat, 1 pkt. Grape Nuts Flakes, 1 pkt. Corn Flakes, 1 pkt. Crackels, all for 45c

TEA, Malkin's Best, broken orange pecoe, per lb 45c; 3 lbs. for \$1.29

COFFEE, Braid's Best, vacuum pack per lb 39c

TOILET SOAP, Cocol Castile, for hard water 4 large bars 27c

SOAP SPECIAL, 1 pkt. Jiff Flakes, reg. price 25c, and 1 bar Pearl Soap and 1 cake Jumbo Carbolic, all for 25c

LAUNDRY SOAP, Royal Crown or Pearl White 11 bars for 47c

Fruits and Vegetables

Fresh for the week-end

CALIFORNIA LETTUCE and CELERY, FRUIT, CAULIFLOWER, RHUBARB, MEXICAN TOMATOES, TEXAS GRAPE, BANANAS, ORANGES, LEMONS.

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